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 Filed: December 21, 2001)
 Confirmation No.: 4814)
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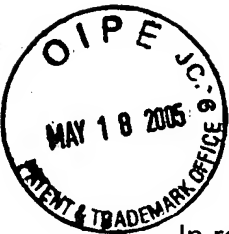
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Sir:

In this response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, Applicant elects as required a single disclosed Species for prosecution on the merits, and respectfully requests consideration of the remarks that follow.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, an Election of Species between Species 1 (Figs. 1-5) and Species 2 (Figs. 6-9) was required. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the disclosed Species 1 (Figs. 1-5) for initial prosecution. Species 1 (Figs. 1-5) have claims 1-13, 15-25, 27 and 28 readable thereon. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 8-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25 and 27 are generic to both Species 1 and Species 2. Additionally, Figs. 12-15 are also readable upon Species 1. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute subsequently the Non-Elected Species without prejudice or disclaimer and to prosecute all claims in this application if a generic claim is ultimately allowed.

In view of the above Election, Applicant respectfully requests examination of the present application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience in regards to any questions concerning this matter, or if any additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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